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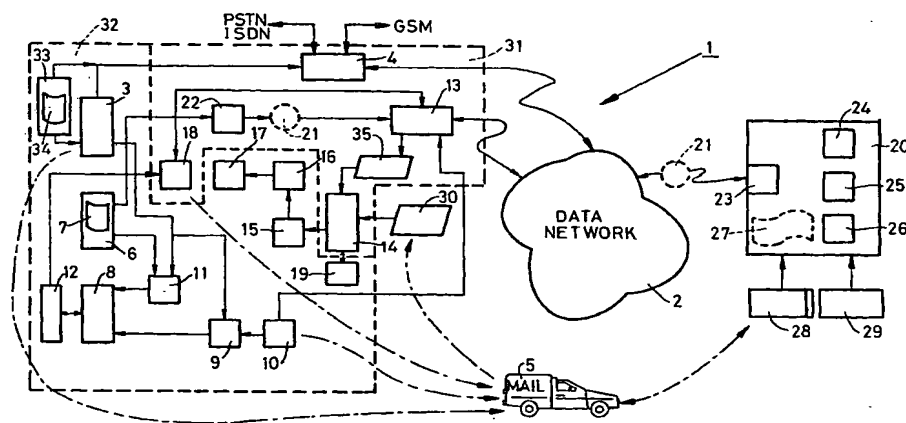
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(57) Abstract: Electronic voting system (1) and method for collecting and counting votes from individual voters using electronic polling equipment (20). The system (1) comprises means (15) for validating votes from collected virtual ballot forms (27). The validating means (15) are arranged in such way that if a set of two or more virtual ballot forms (27) associated with an identical voter is collected, one virtual ballot form (27) of said set is validated as one valid vote of said voter. The remaining virtual ballot forms (27) of said set are marked as duplicate, provided said virtual ballot forms (27) of said set are identical as to the subject elected by said voter. Otherwise all virtual ballot forms (27) of said set are marked invalid. Thereby effectively preventing double counting of valid votes, among others, due to network problems causing a virtual ballot form (27) to be forwarded twice or even many more times.



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